

The new novice should have to learn CW if they are to operate on the HF bands. Technician and Technician plus should not be upgraded to General without testing. This class does not have the knowledge to operate on the HF bands. It was created as an entry level not an intermediate level. We talk about national security and yet we drop 5 wpm for Novice and General. All hams know when band conditions are bad you can get through on CW. We don't need HAM's that can not communicate under bad band conditions because they do not know CW. It does not take much effort to learn 5 wpm CW. In my opinion, the current petition is not healthy for Ham radio.

Thanks for your consideration,

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